PLEASE, CONTINUE.

HE CAME FIRST,
SO I'LL WAIT MY TURN.

...!!

TH-THE CHURCH OF DARKNESS!
CLANG CLATTER THUD
S-SIR INQUISITOR!

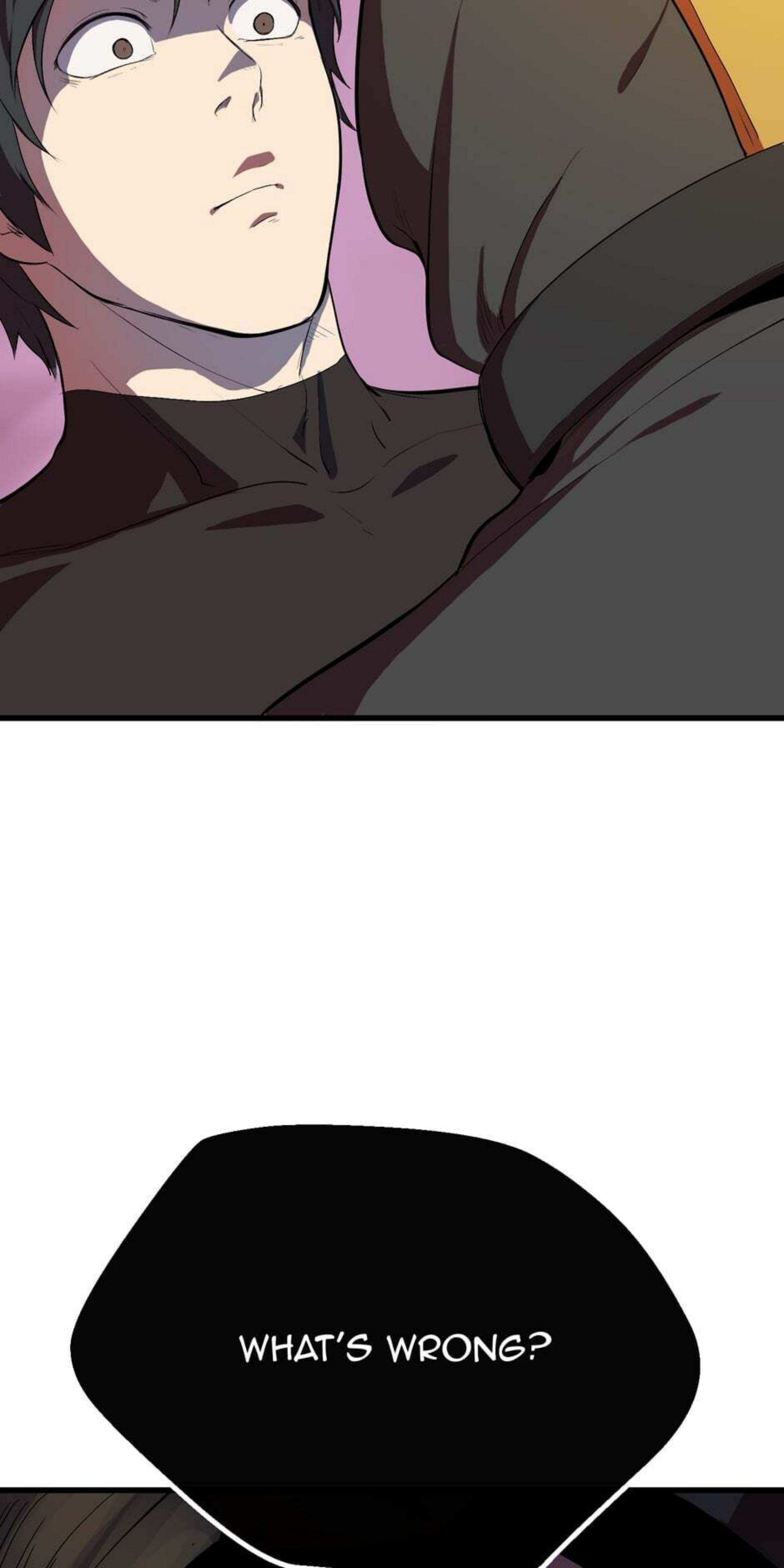
THANK YOU FOR THE INTRODUCTION, SHOPKEEP.

THIS GUY IS...

AN INQUISITOR?

WHAT LEVEL IS HE?
THOSE ARE SOME QUALITY GOODS.
TH-THANK YOU.
BZZT
BZZT

SWOOSH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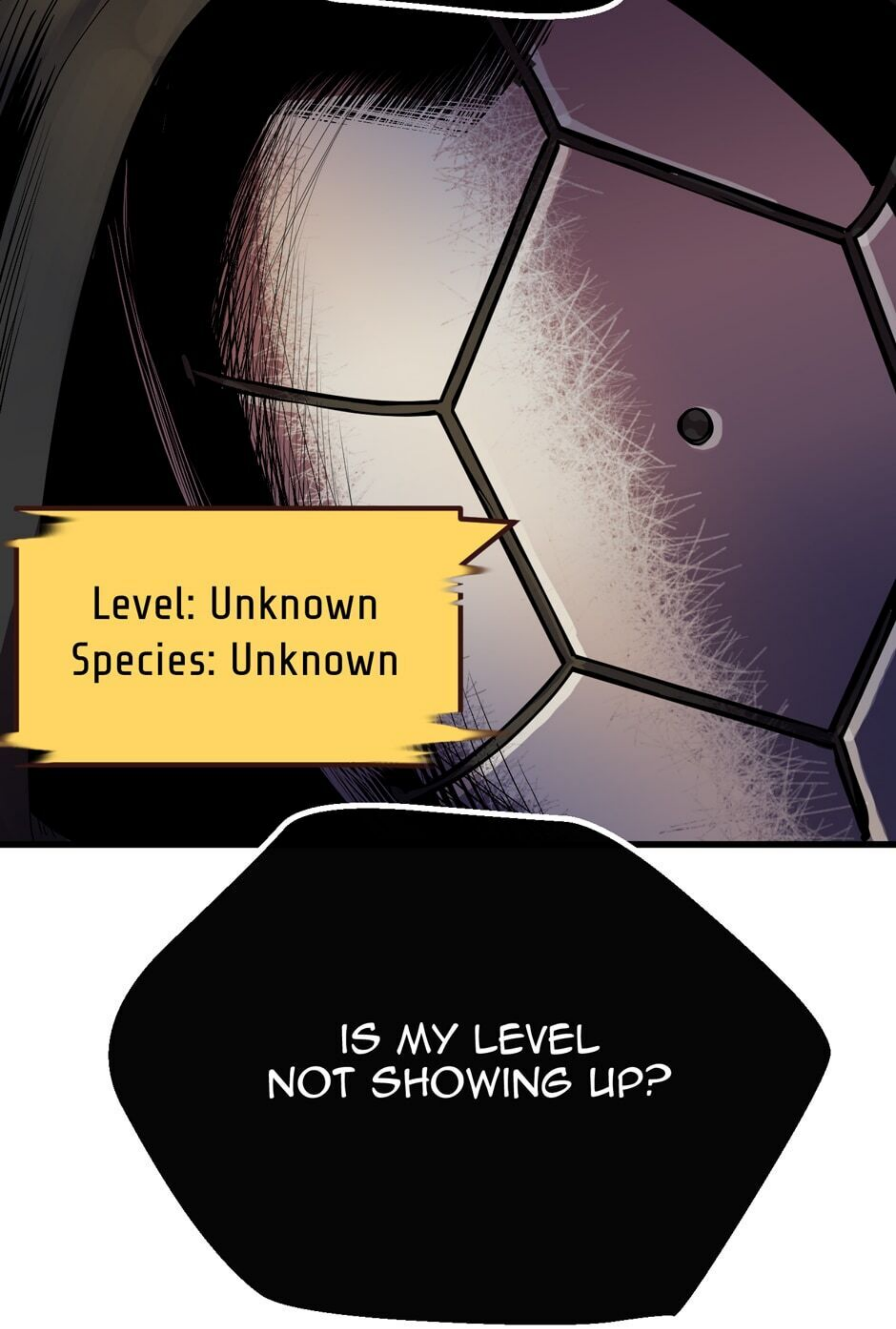
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IS MY LEVEL
NOT SHOWING UP?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
HE CLOSED THE GAP IN AN INSTANT.

I'M USUALLY THE TALLEST PERSON WHEREVER I GO, BUT YOU'RE REALLY TALL.
I HEAR THAT A LOT.
WHY WERE YOU SCARED WHEN YOU SAW ME?
ARE THERE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T SCARED OF YOU?
IF THAT'S SO, WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN AWAY?
BECAUSE YOU'D FOLLOW ME.
WHAT GOD DO YOU WORSHIP?
I DON'T HAVE A RELIGION.

I'M AN ORPHAN FROM A REMOTE VILLAGE, SO I DON'T KNOW ANY FAIRY TALES.

WHAT FAIRY TALES DO YOU LIKE?

AN ORPHAN FROM A REMOTE VILLAGE, WITH NO RELIGION, WALKING AROUND AS A HUNTER IN THE CITY, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES?

DON'T YOU FIND THAT A BIT SUSPICIOUS, *OTHERWORLDER?*

I HAVEN'T BEEN A HUNTER FOR VERY LONG, SO I DON'T KNOW.

OTHERWORLDER... I THINK YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE.

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN A HUNTER FOR VERY LONG?

THEN!

YOUR LEVEL MUST BE LOW!

BUT THEN, WHY ARE YOU LEVEL 5?!

...

SINCE YOU'VE EXAMINED ME, CAN I SELL MY GOODS NOW?

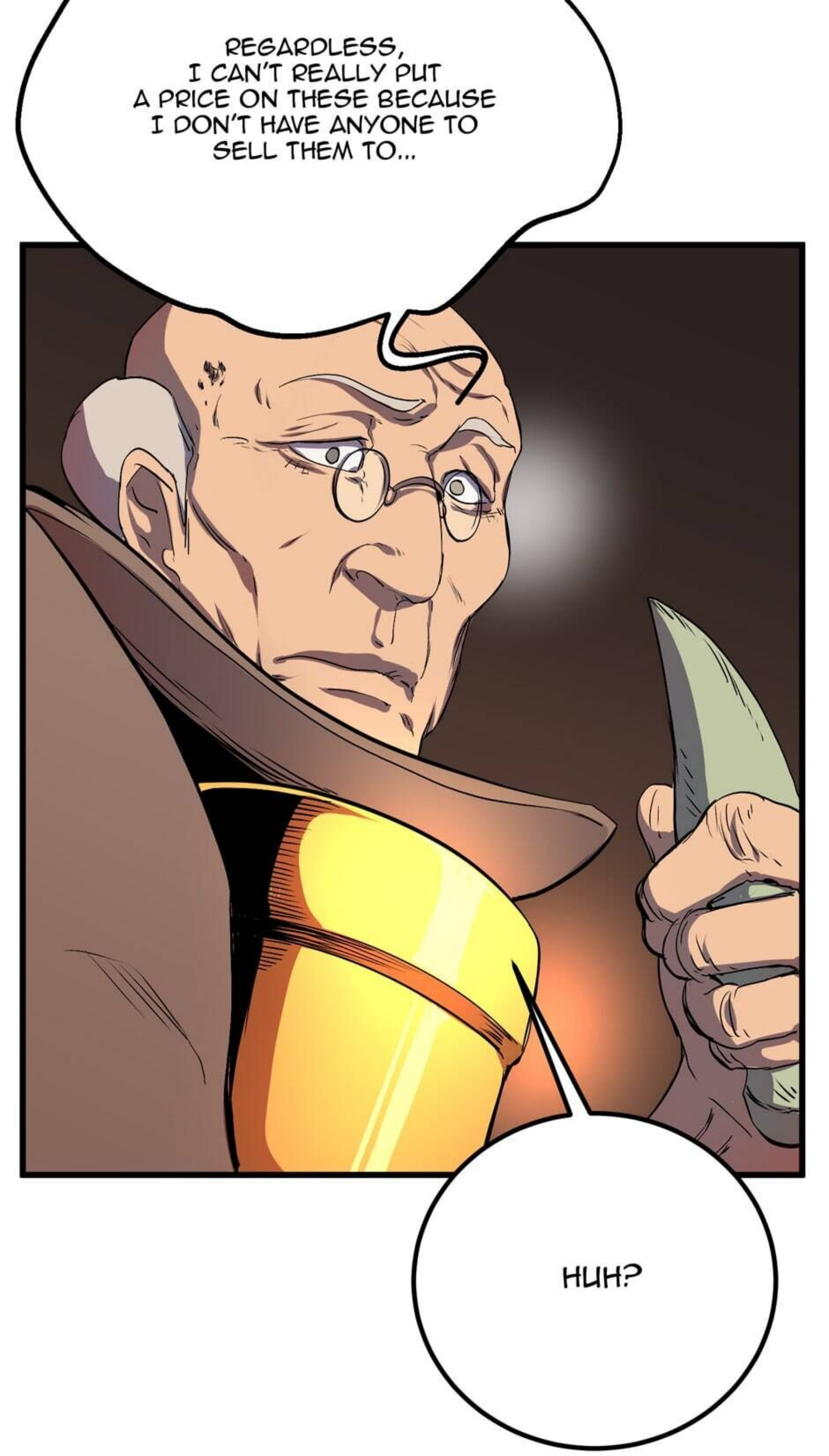
...I-I SEE.

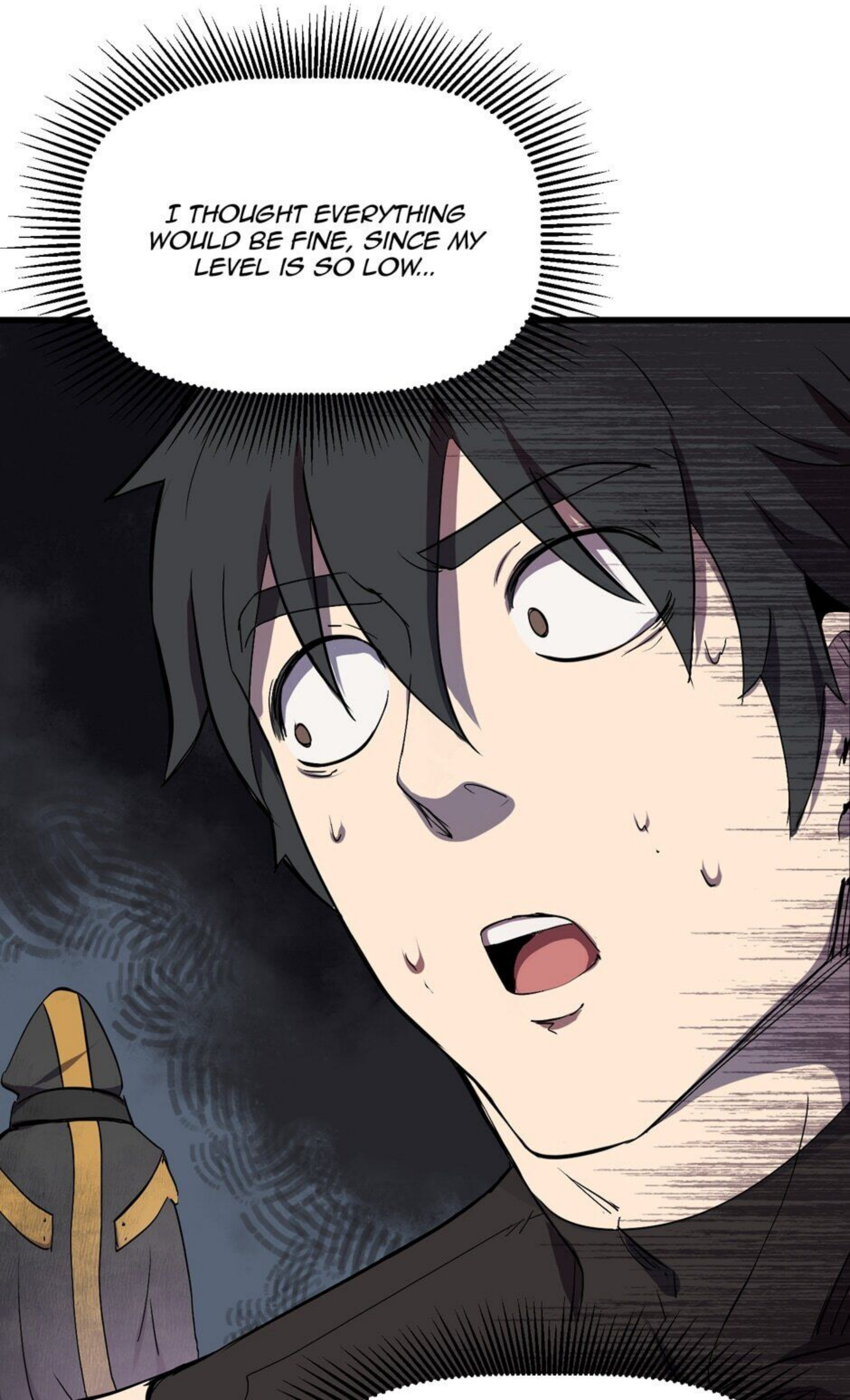
Y-YOU'RE AMAZING...

RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE INQUISITOR...

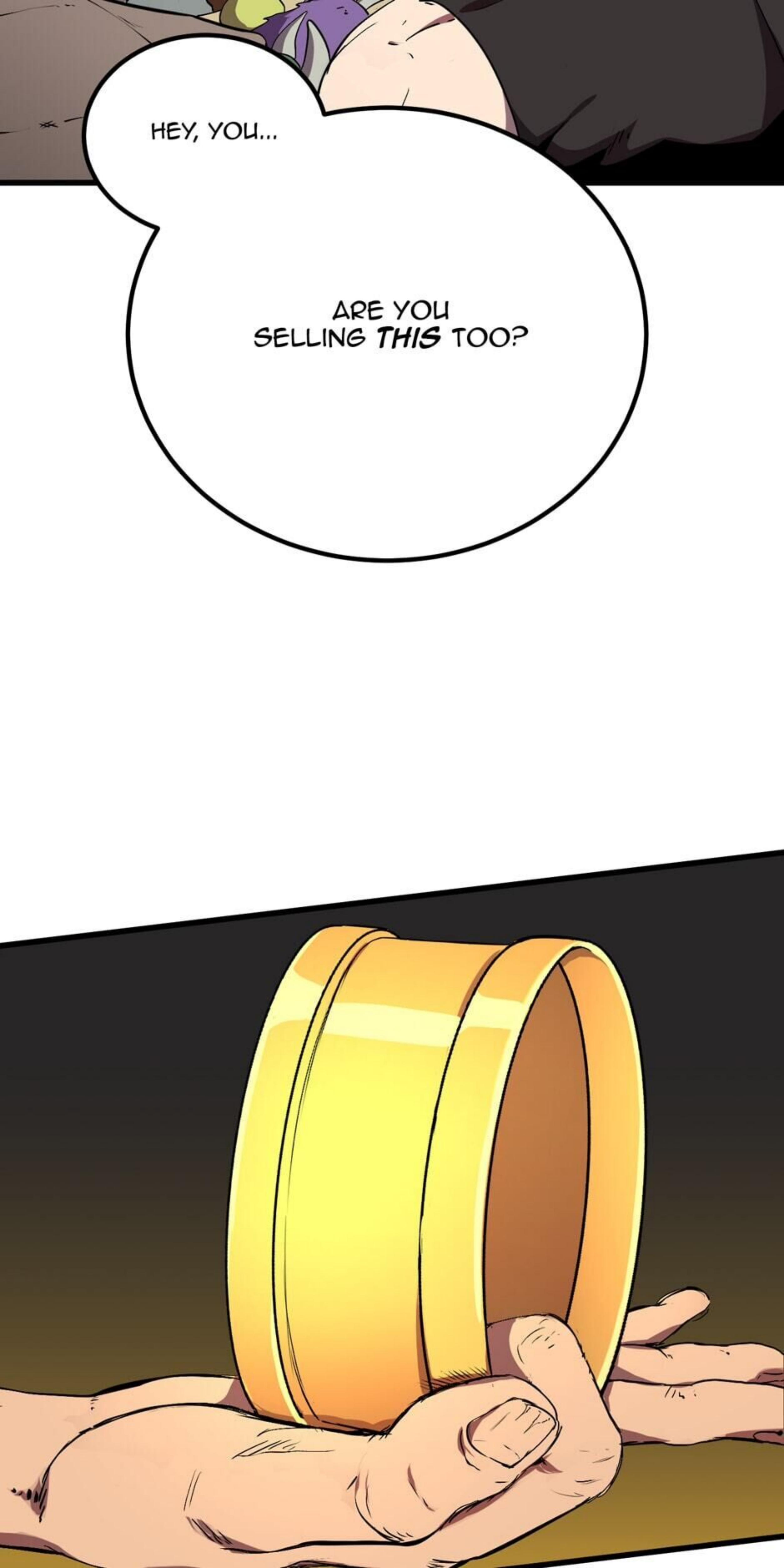
THAT'S NORMAL...

EXCUSE ME...

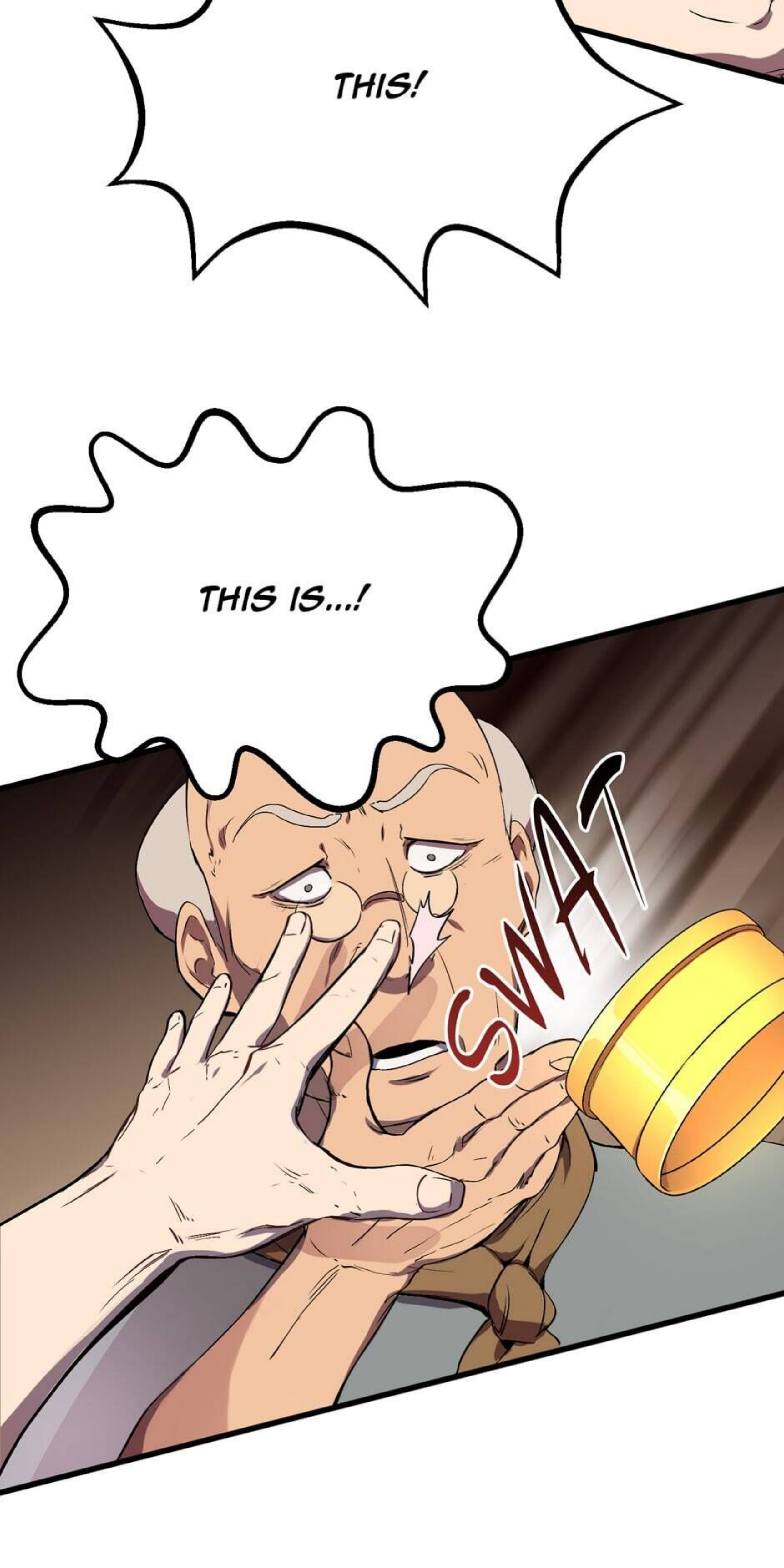

REGARDLESS, I CAN'T REALLY PUT A PRICE ON THESE BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO SELL THEM TO...
HUH?


I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WOULD BE FINE, SINCE MY LEVEL IS SO LOW...

BUT MY HEART WAS ABOUT TO EXPLODE!
MAYBE I CAN'T SEE HIS LEVEL BECAUSE OF HIS MASK. BUT EVEN WITHOUT SEEING HIS LEVEL, I CAN TELL HE'S PRETTY STRONG...

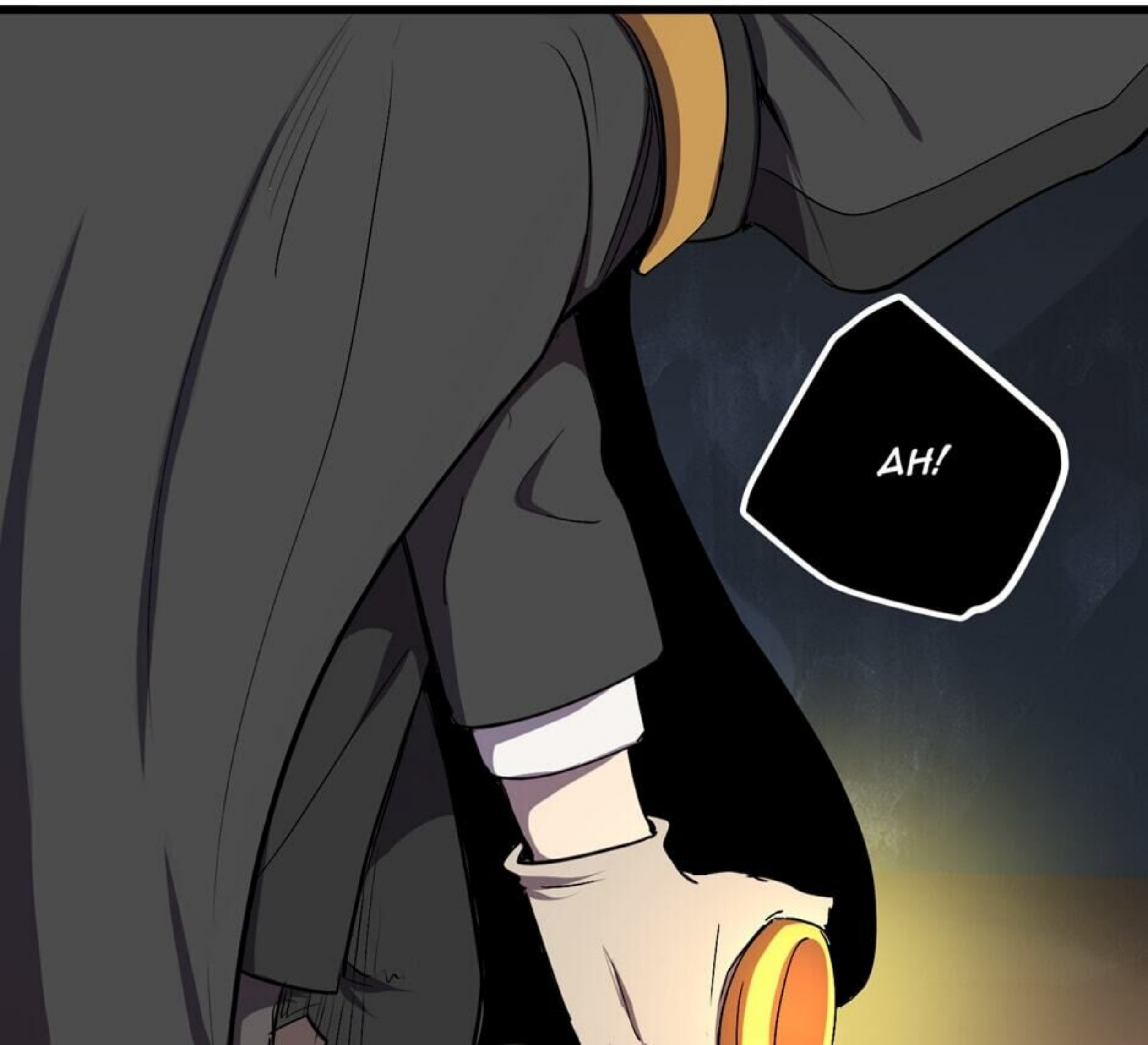

HEY, YOU...
ARE YOU SELLING THIS TOO?

UH, NO!


THIS!
THIS IS...!
SWAT

CLINK
CLINK
ROLL

SSK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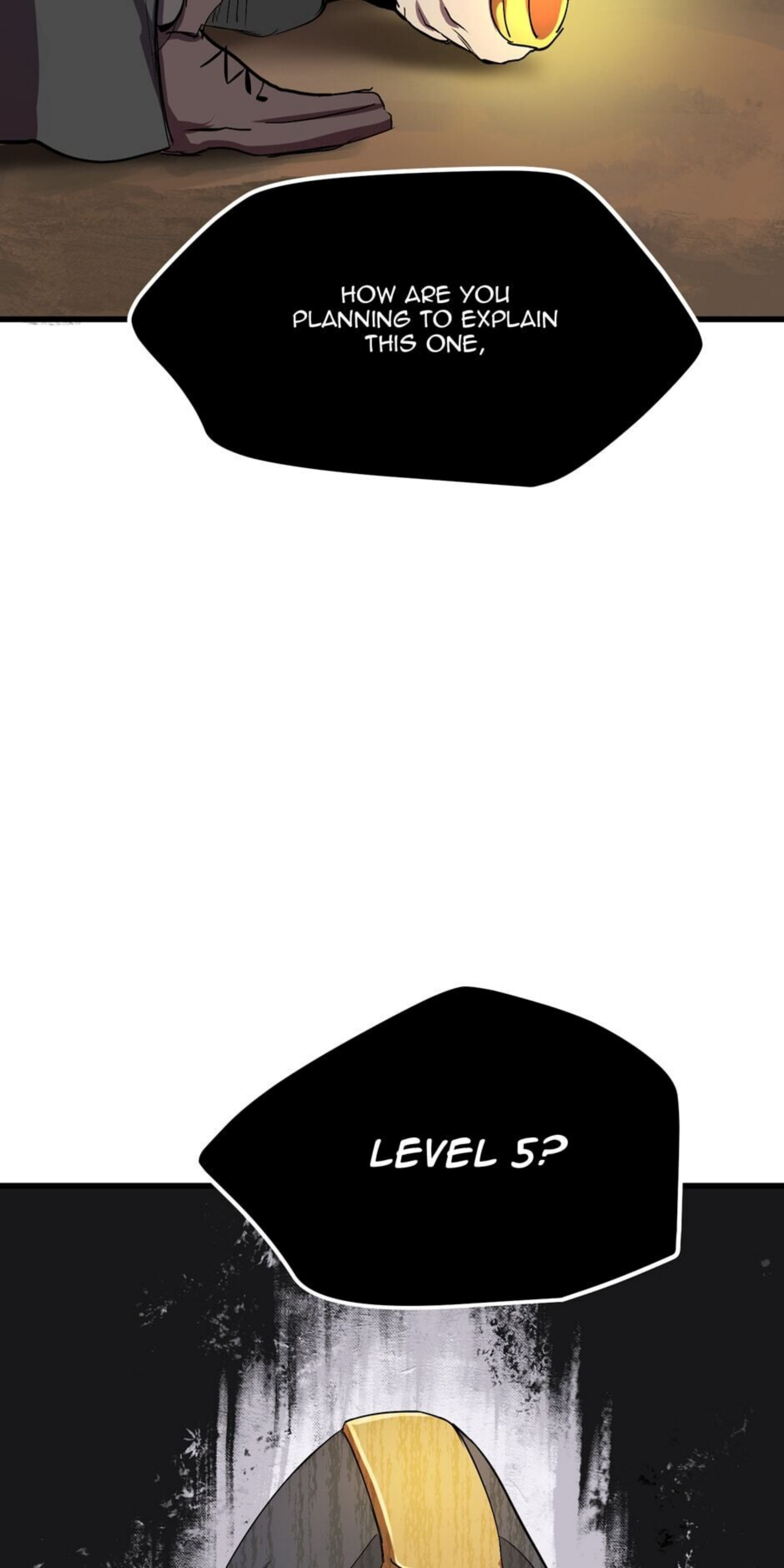
HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO EXPLAIN THIS ONE,
LEVEL 5?

WHERE DID YOU OBTAIN AN ARTIFACT?

I WANTED TO DO THIS PEACEFULLY, BUT...!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
SCRAMBLE
SHOULD I PRETEND THAT I DON'T KNOW?

WELL,

A LEVEL 5 WOULDN'T ENTER A DUNGEON...

THIS IS A VALUABLE ITEM, SO GUARD IT WELL.

TOK
THANK YOU...

BUT SINCE YOU'RE A BEGINNER HUNTER...

I'LL TELL YOU
A STORY THAT WILL ALSO
SERVE AS A LESSON.

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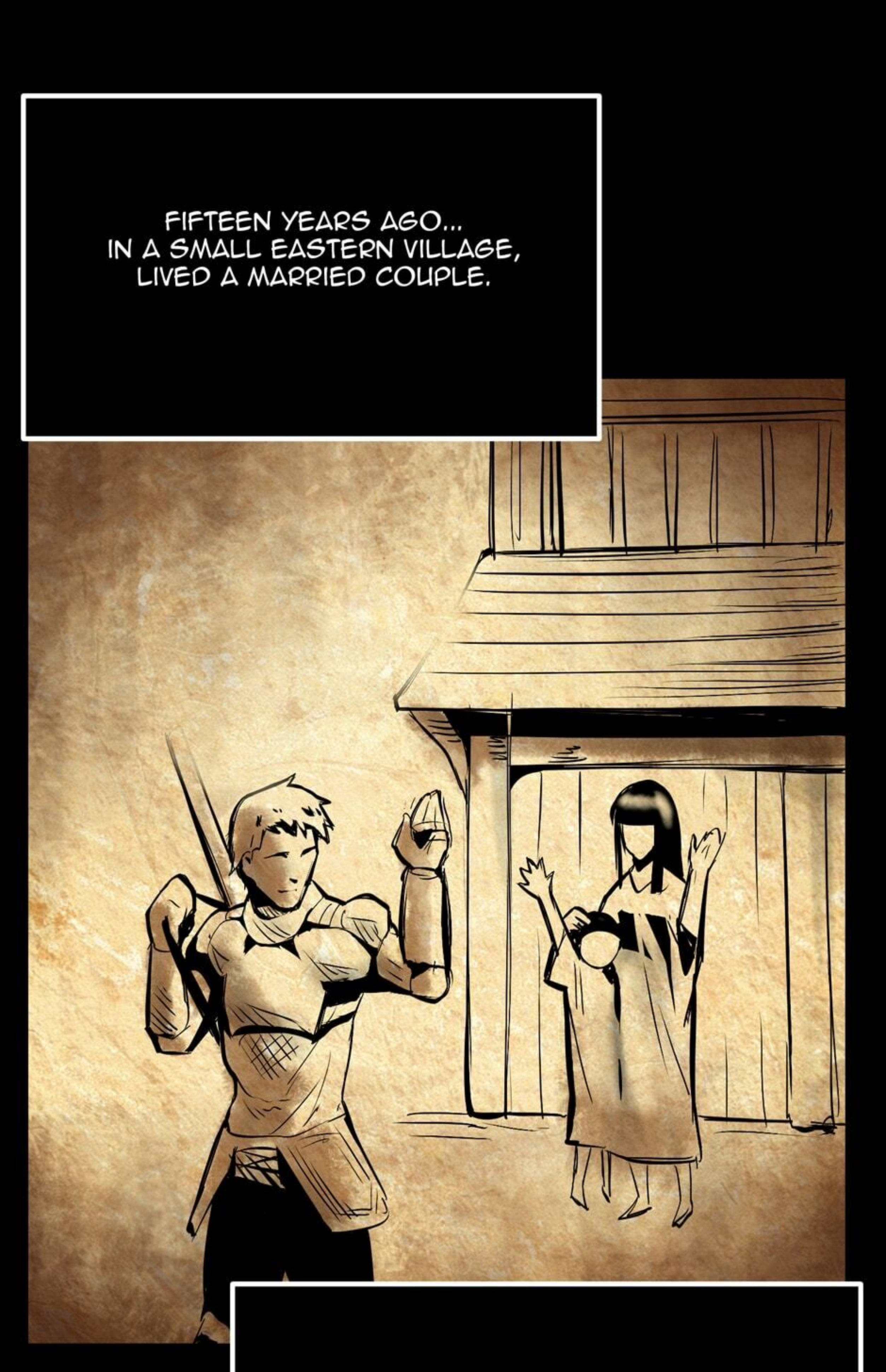
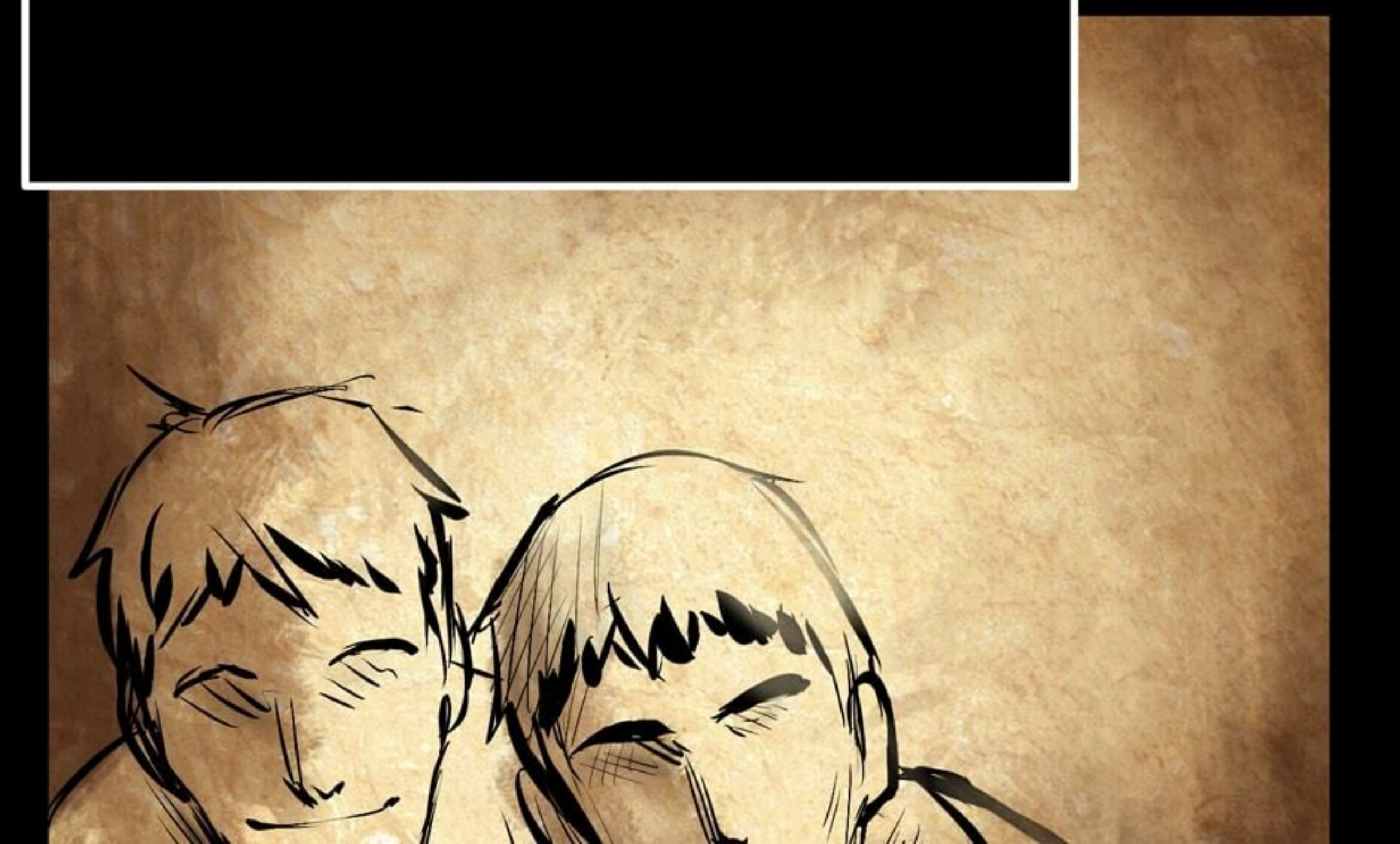

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...
IN A SMALL EASTERN VILLAGE,
LIVED A MARRIED COUPLE.

THE HUSBAND
WAS A VETERAN HUNTER.

HE WASN'T THE
LEADER OF HIS PARTY, BUT HE HAD
LEADERSHIP QUALITIES.

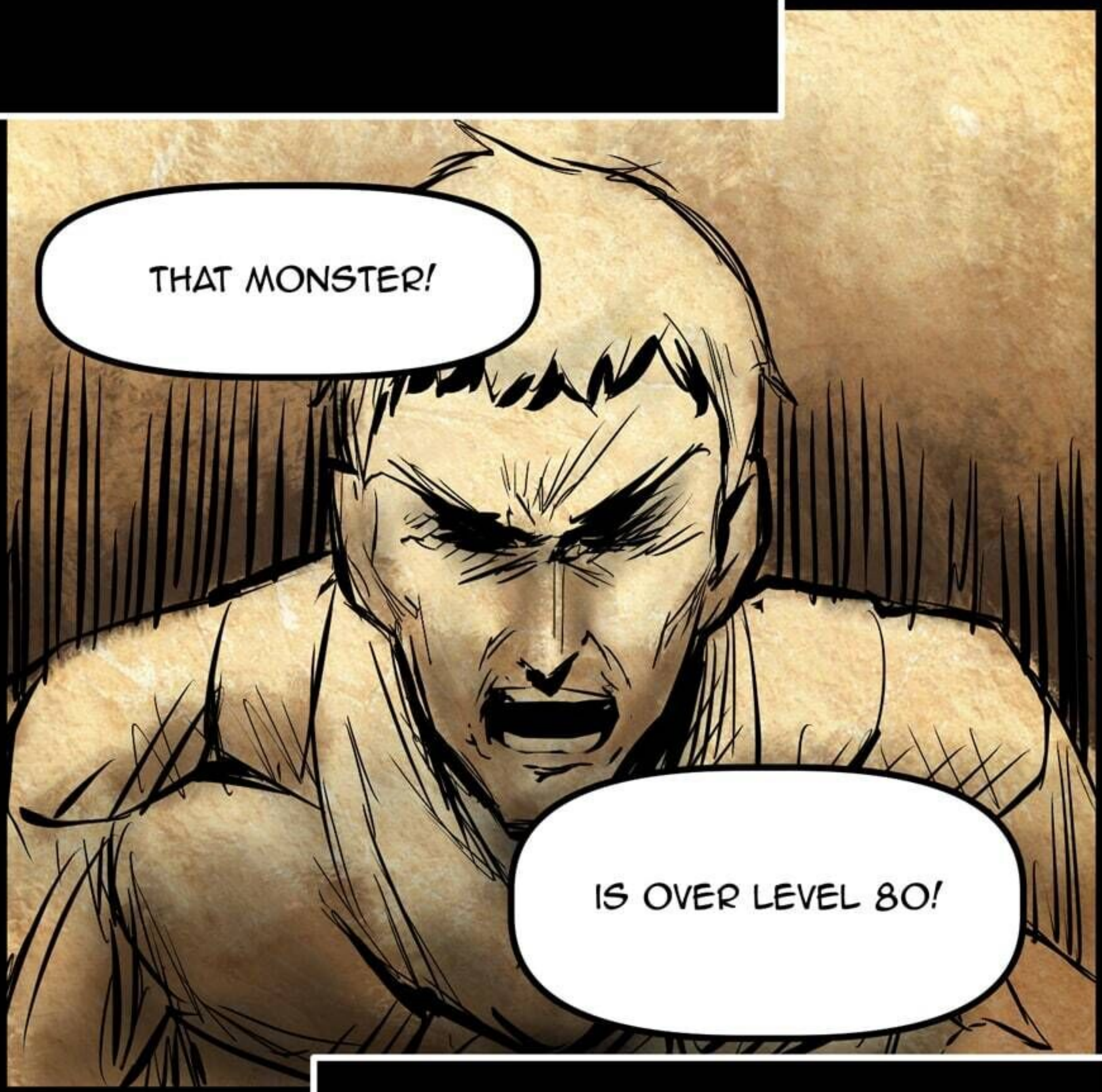


IT WAS LIKE ANY
OTHER DAY AND HIS PARTY
ACCEPTED A PROMISING QUEST.

HOWEVER,
HE BECAME TERRIFIED
IN FRONT OF A SEEMINGLY
AVERAGE MONSTER.

HIS PARTY MEMBERS COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE STRONGEST AND BRAVEST ONE AMONG THEM WAS ACTING THIS WAY.

WHEN THE PARTY TRIED TO COMPEL HIM TO FACE THE MONSTER...



...IS WHAT THAT MAN SHOUTED.

WHEN HIS COMRADES
DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM, HE TOLD
THEM THE WHOLE TRUTH.

THAT HE WAS
AN OTHERWORLDER AND THAT
HE COULD SEE EVERYONE'S LEVELS.

BUT...
THE MONSTER DISCOVERED THEM

AND THE MAN
WAS LEFT TO FIGHT THE
MONSTER ALONE,

TO BUY HIS
COMRADES TIME
TO RUN AWAY.

SO THEN...
I HAVE A SIMPLE QUESTION.
PAT

WHO DO YOU
THINK DIES IN THIS STORY?

WOULDN'T IT BE THE
OTHERWORLDER WHO
REVEALED HIS IDENTITY?

WRONG.
EVERYONE DIED EXCEPT...

THE OTHERWORLDER AND HIS PARTY LEADER.

THE PARTY LEADER WAS SPARED BECAUSE HE REPORTED THE TRUTH TO THE INQUISITORS,

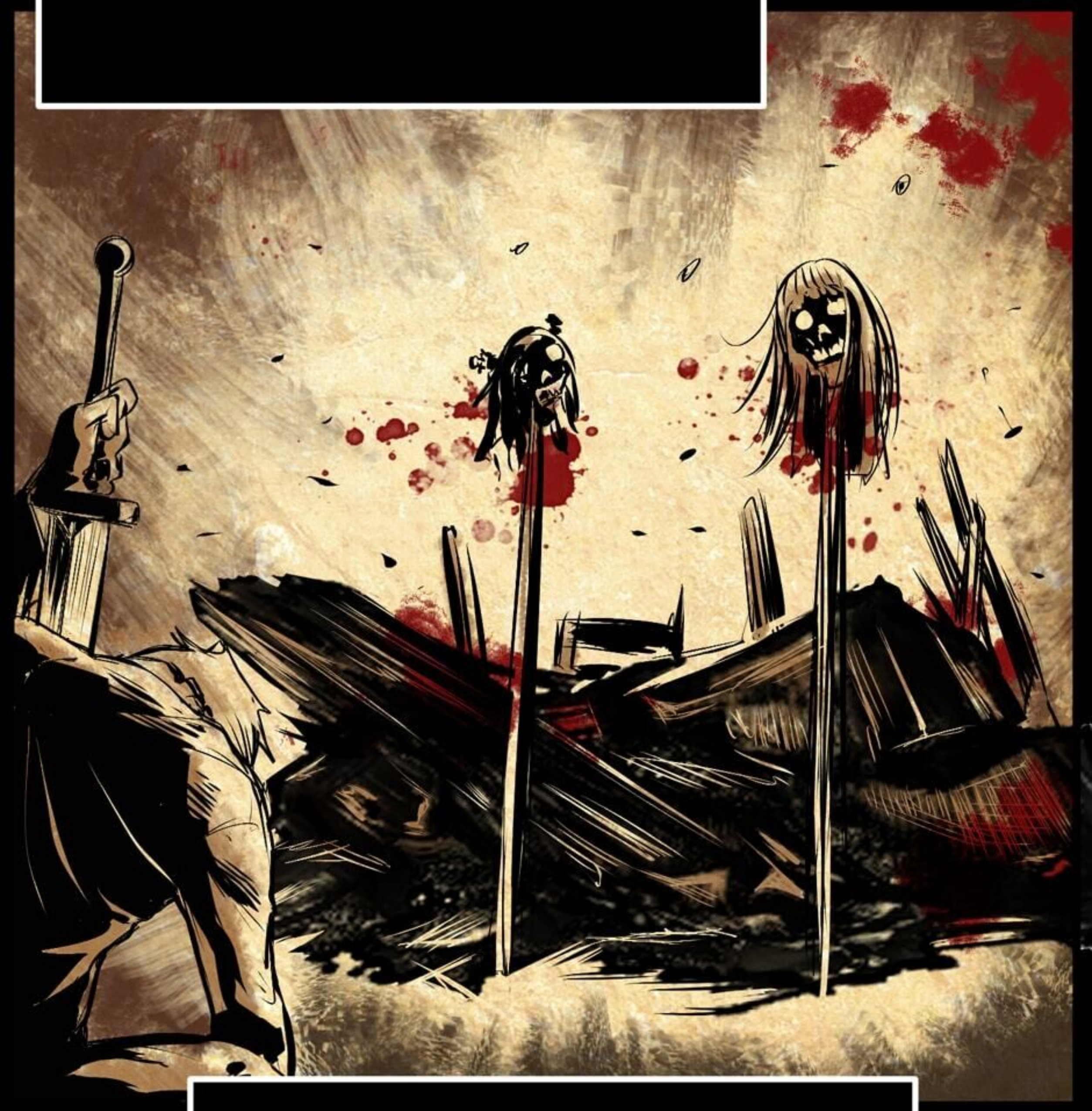
BUT THE OTHER PARTY MEMBERS DIED WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR SYMPATHIZING WITH AN OTHERWORLDER.

THE OTHERWORLDER MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED

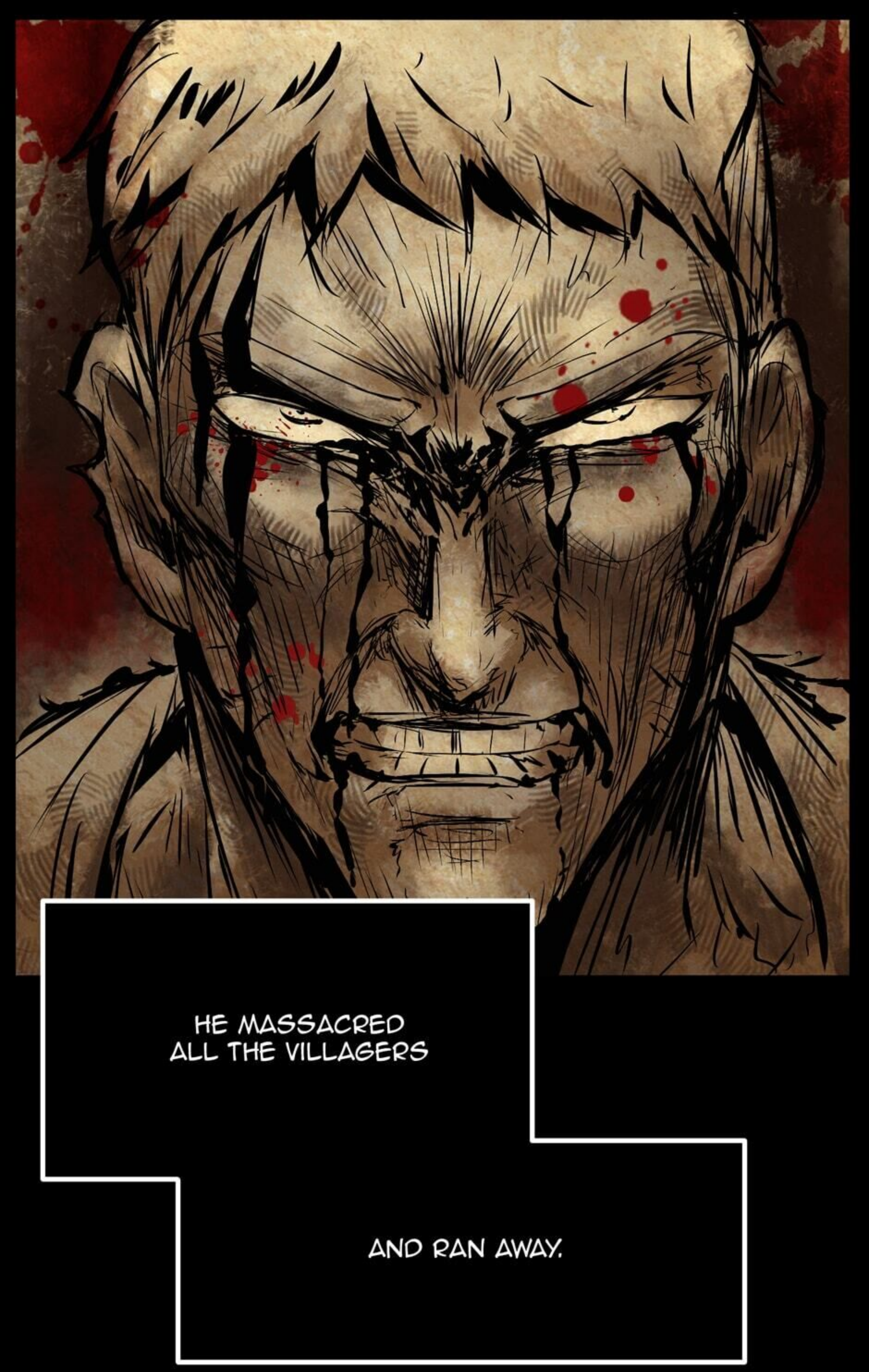
AND RETURNED HOME.

HOWEVER...

THE VILLAGERS,
WHO HEARD THE RUMORS
ABOUT HIM, BURNED HIS
HOUSE DOWN



AND THERE
WAS NO ONE LEFT TO
WELCOME HIM HOME.

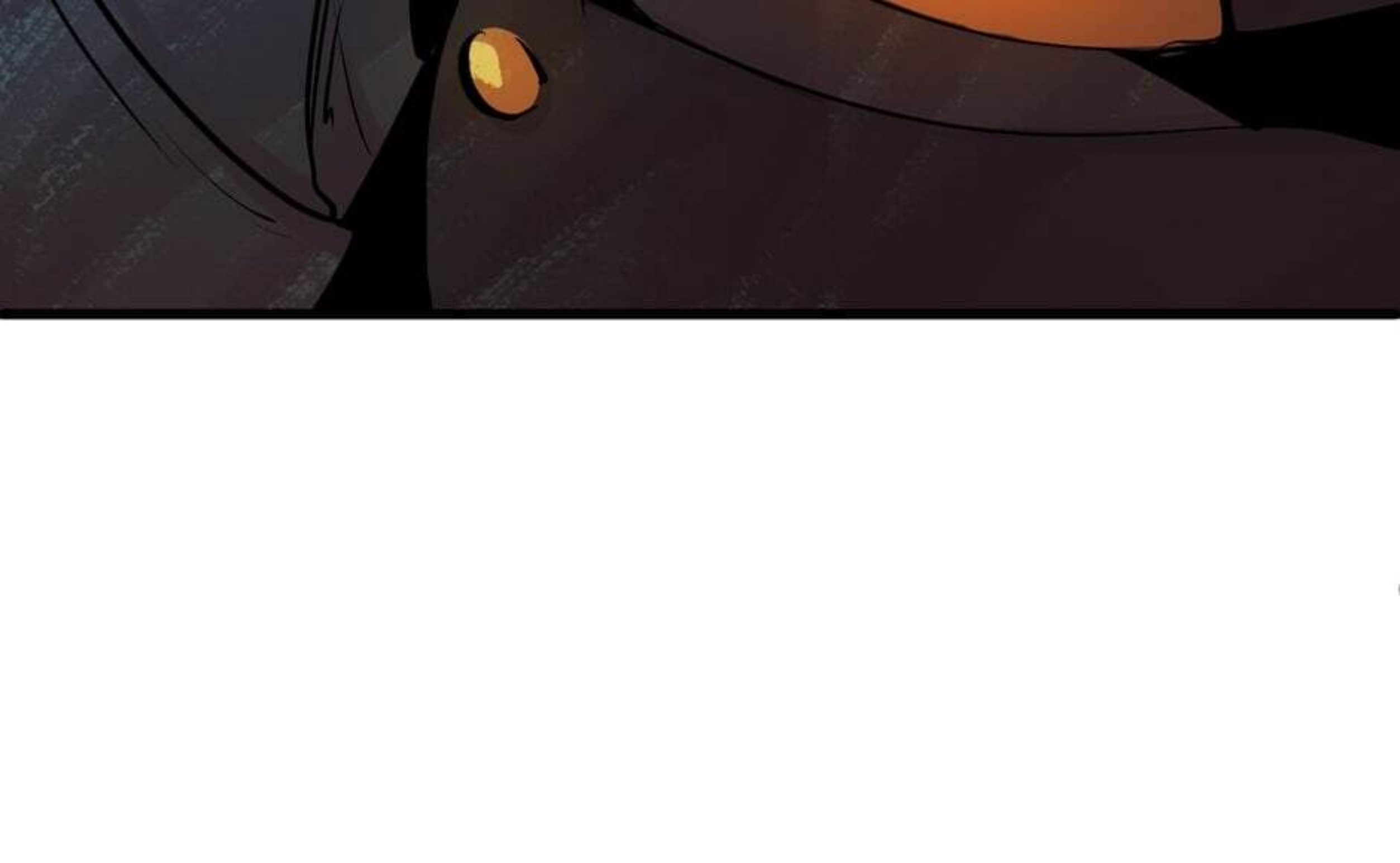

HE MASSACRED
ALL THE VILLAGERS
AND RAN AWAY.

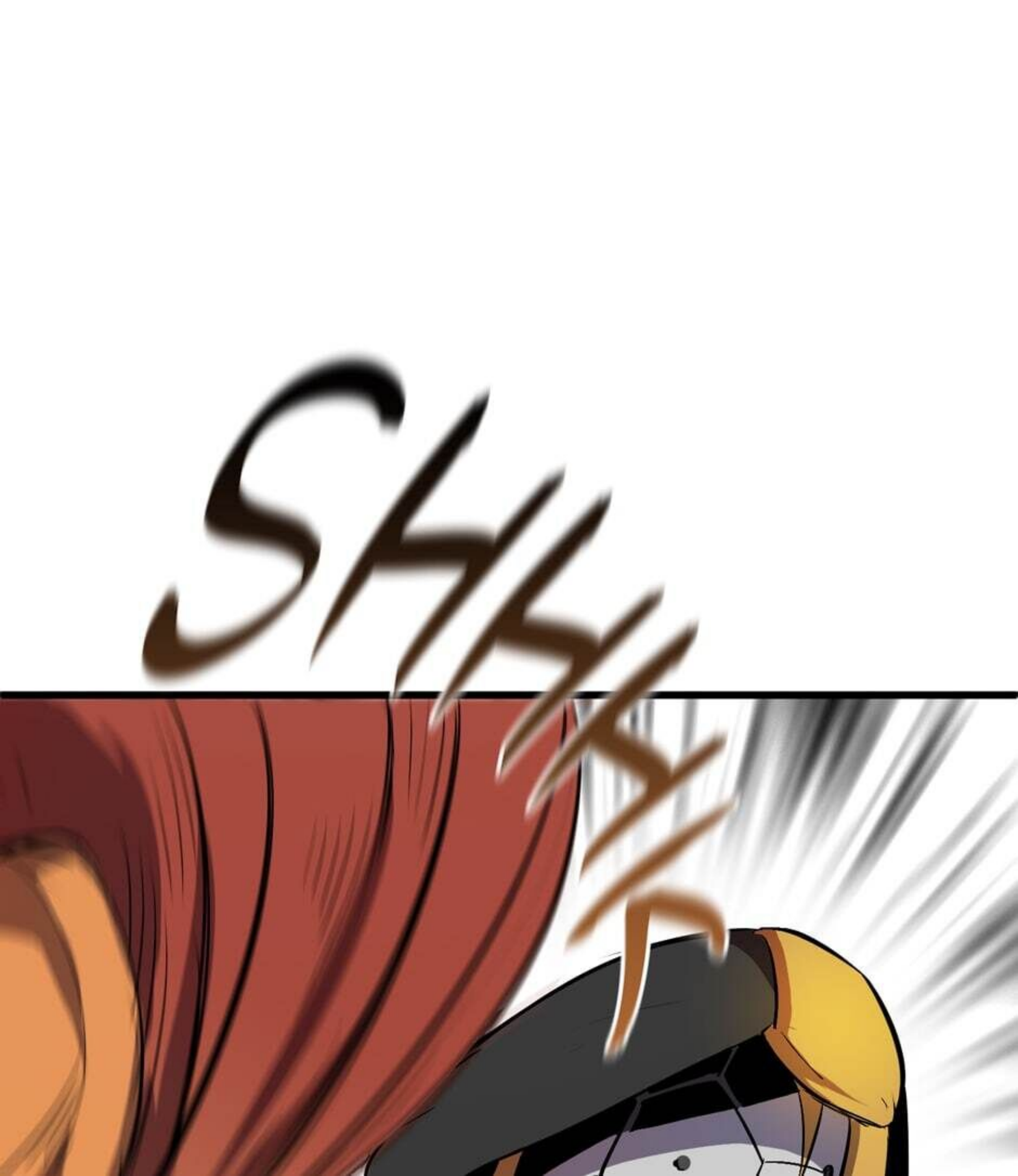
EVERYONE WHO GOT INVOLVED WITH THE OTHERWORLDER EXPERIENCED MISFORTUNE.
BUT WHAT SIN COULD A LEVEL 5 LIKE YOU HAVE COMMITTED?

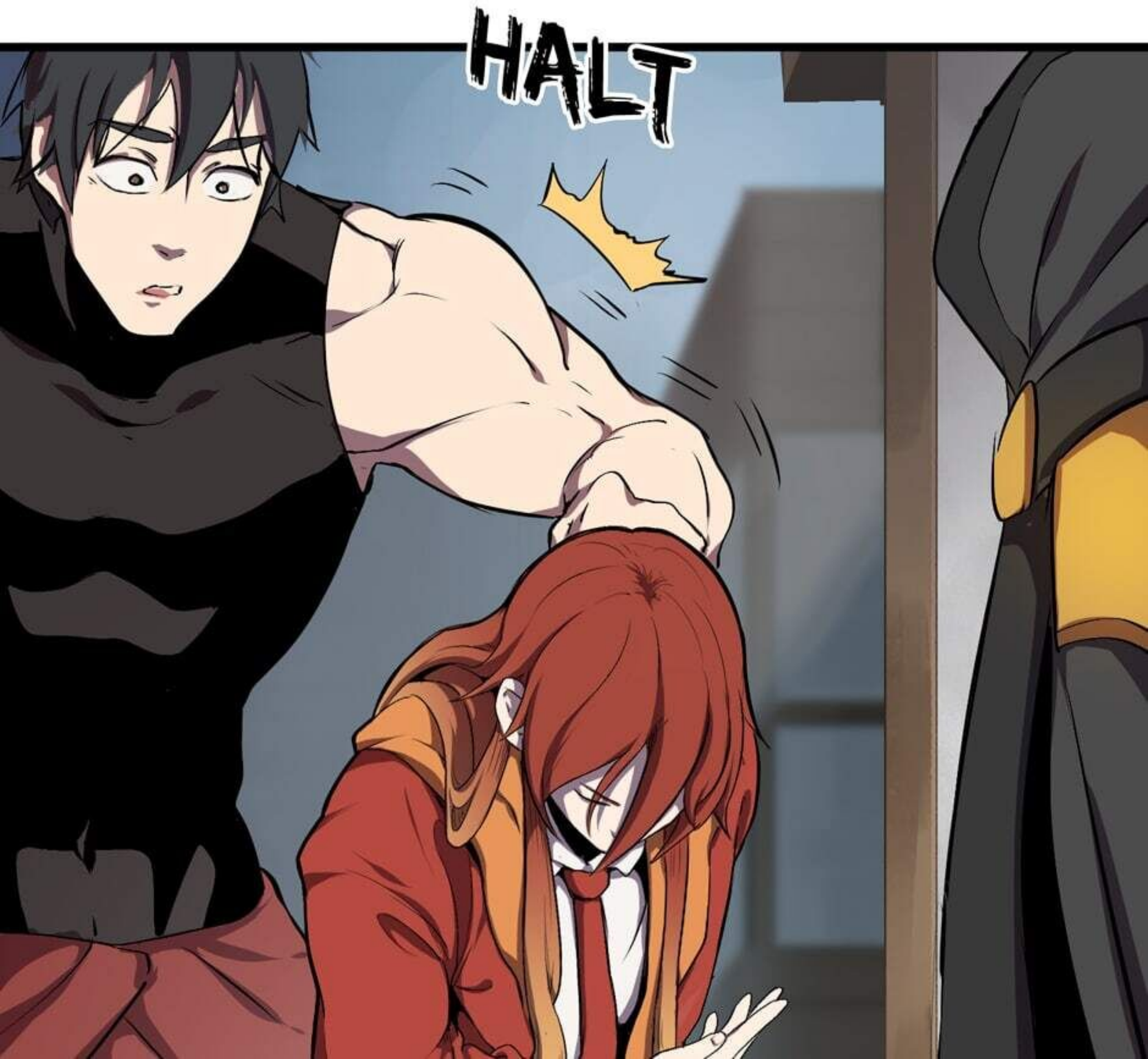
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS STORY?
IT'S FAIRLY COMMON FOR AN OTHERWORLDER
TO USE A NAÏVE NOVICE HUNTER

TO SELL ARTIFACTS.
I WILL OFFER YOU AS MUCH IMMUNITY AS IS WITHIN MY POWER, SO...

WHICH PARTY DO YOU BELONG TO?




Shhhh


HALT

EXCUSE ME, BUT

I THINK THAT THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING.

SO, I FELT I HAD TO STEP IN.

MR. ARTIS?
THAT WAS DANGEROUS...
GLARE

YOU WORTHLESS BUFFOON!!

IDIOT!

CAN'T YOU HANDLE A SIMPLE ERRAND?!

NO, THIS IS MY FAULT,

FOR TRUSTING A GUY LIKE YOU WITH AN ARTIFACT!

GLARE

WHAT...?
BUT THIS IS...

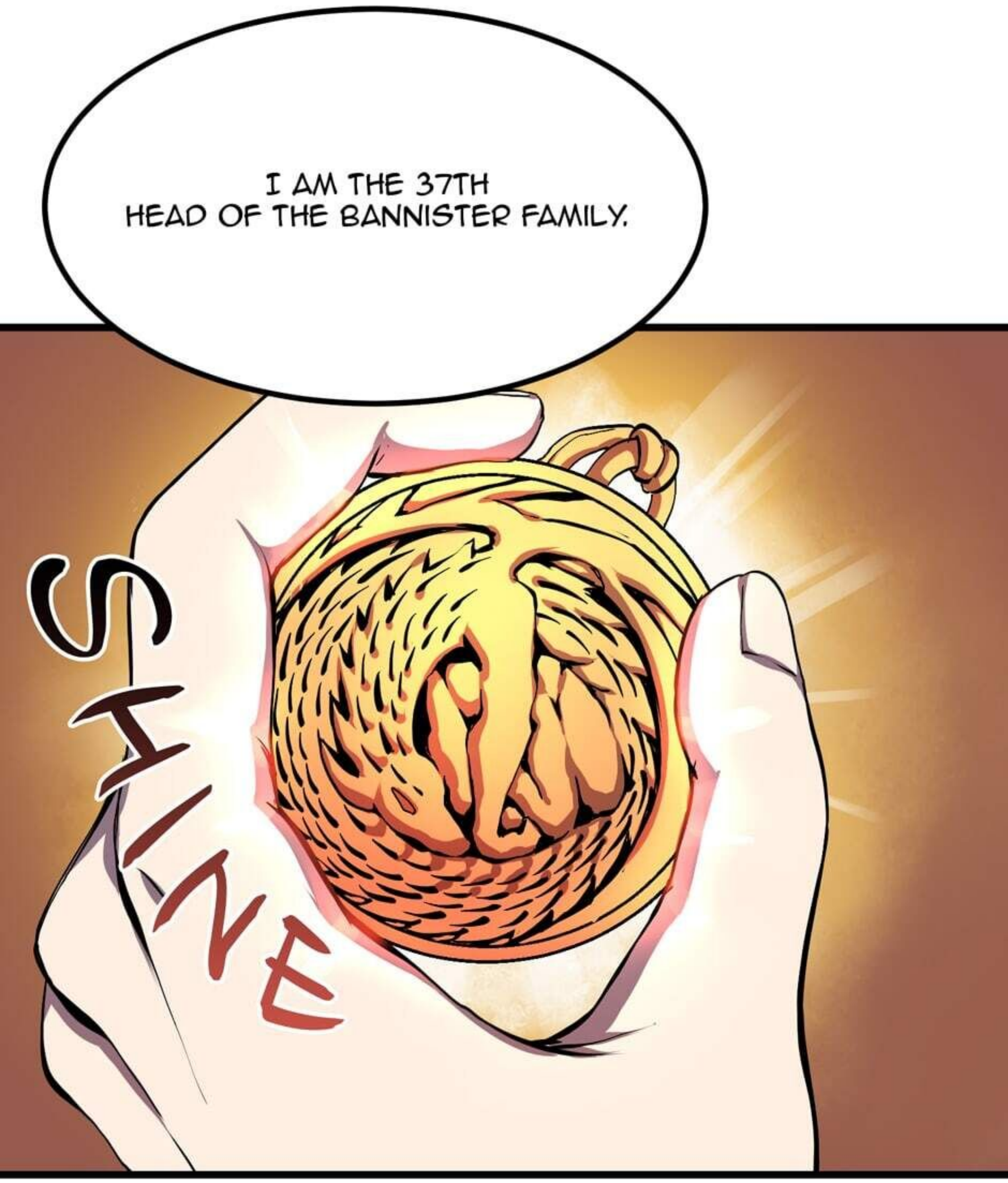
SILENCE!

YOU MUSCLE-
BRAINED *WORM!*

SHUT YOUR
MOUTH AND *SIT DOWN!*

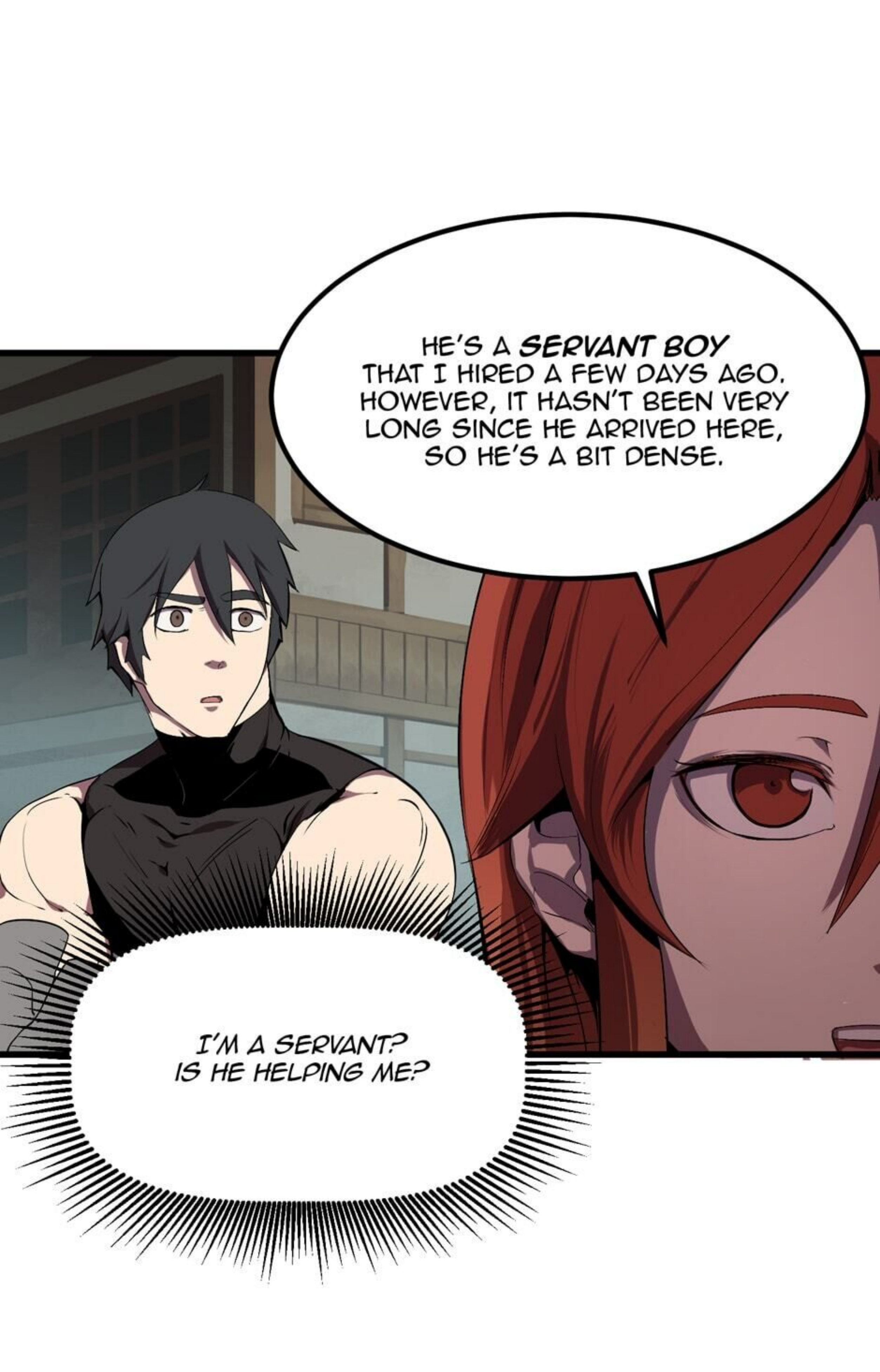
MOUTH AND SIT DOWN.
MUSCLE-BRAINED WORM...
AHEM!
WHO... ARE YOU?
TWO
AH! FORGIVE

AH! FORGIVE ME FOR MY LATE INTRODUCTION.
I AM ARTIS BANNISTER.


I AM THE 37TH
HEAD OF THE BANNISTER FAMILY.
STINE

BANNISTER? THE DRAGON HUNTER FAMILY?
I HEARD THAT THEY HAD ALL DIED OUT...
BUT SEEING YOUR GLOWING DRAGON SEAL, I CAN SEE THAT RUMOR WAS FALSE.

I'M STILL IN NEED OF TRAINING, BUT I AM TRYING TO REVITALIZE MY FAMILY'S NAME...
SIR BANNISTER, I HOPE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT I CANNOT REMOVE MY MASK WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
SSK
OF COURSE.
MAY I ASK WHAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS WITH THAT MAN?


HE'S A SERVANT BOY THAT I HIRED A FEW DAYS AGO. HOWEVER, IT HASN'T BEEN VERY LONG SINCE HE ARRIVED HERE, SO HE'S A BIT DENSE.
I'M A SERVANT? IS HE HELPING ME?

I TOLD HIM TO BRING ME THE ARTIFACT FOR RESEARCH, BUT... THE SITUATION ENDED UP LIKE THIS.
AH, I SEE YOU'RE RESEARCHING MAGIC AS WELL.
PING
I THINK I HAVE A ROUGH IDEA OF WHAT HE'S TRYING TO DO.

IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, I HAVE TO PLAY ALONG.
FORGIVE ME, MASTER!
INTENSE

NOW THEN, SINCE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MY RESEARCH...
MAY THE DARKNESS PROTECT YOU.
FWICK
MAY THE DARKNESS PROTECT YOU...

THANK YOU.
ERIC, NEVER TAKE UP ACTING.

...AREN'T YOU SUSPICIOUS OF ME FOR HAVING AN ARTIFACT?

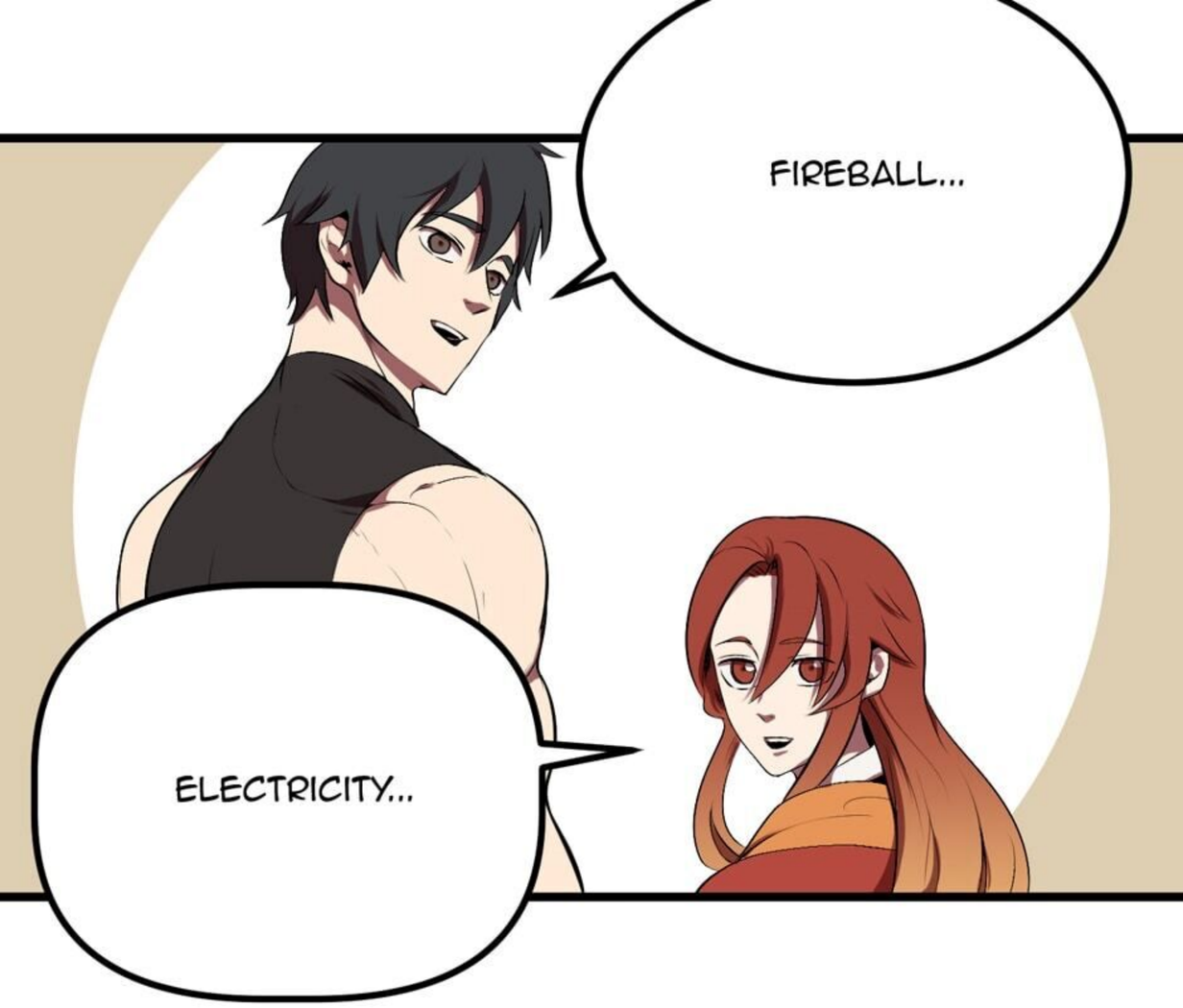
WHAT IF I'M A DANGEROUS PERSON...?

YOU DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE FOREST NOR DID YOU ASK ME ANYTHING.

AND WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO IF YOU'RE A DANGEROUS PERSON?

I JUST THOUGHT YOU WERE KIND OF SUSPICIOUS...
WHAT? HOW AM I THE SUSPICIOUS ONE?
SSK
...

BY THE WAY, THAT ARTIFACT...
WHAT IS ITS ABILITY?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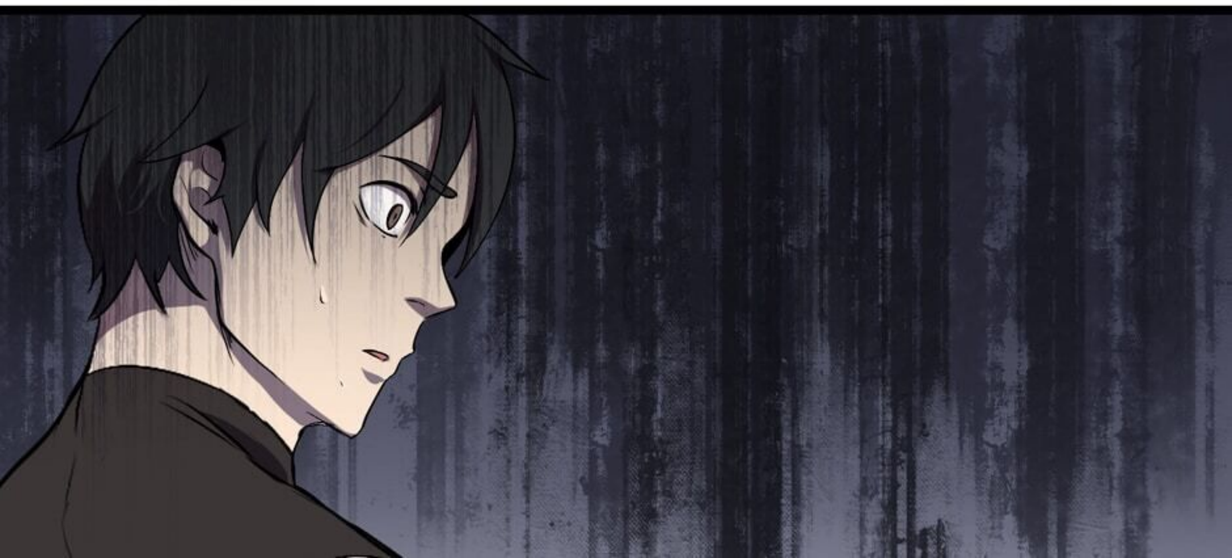
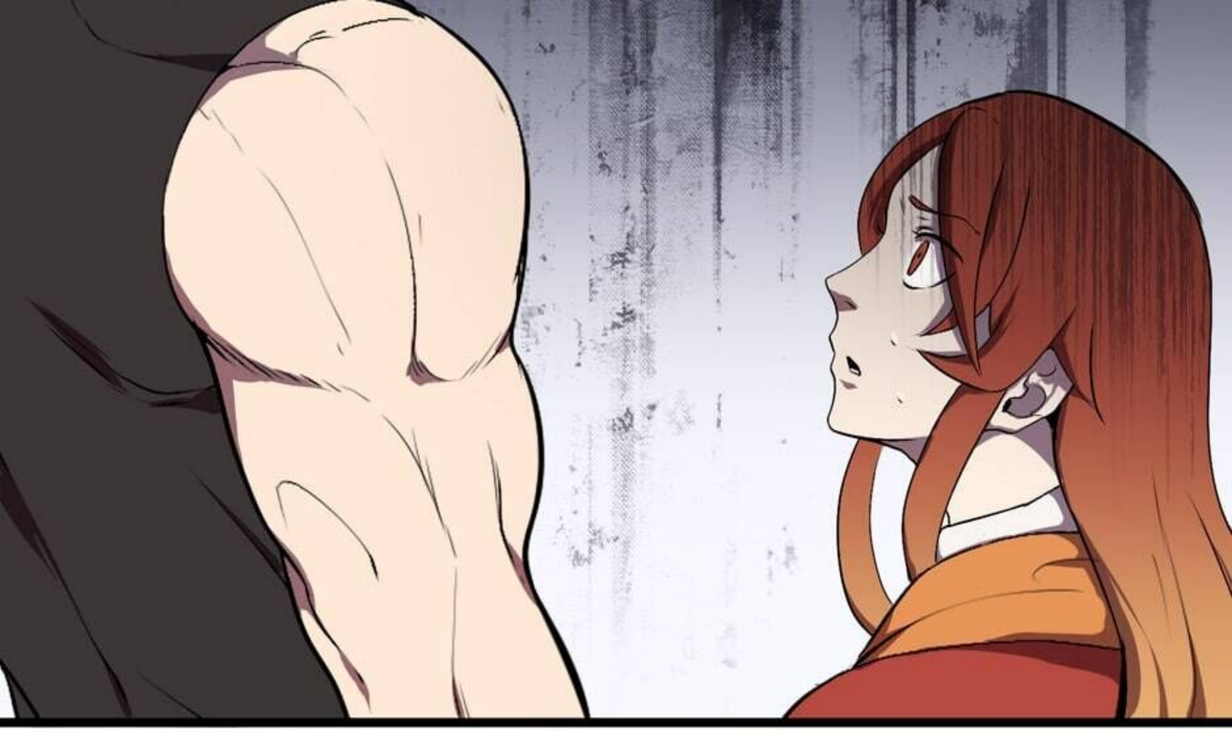
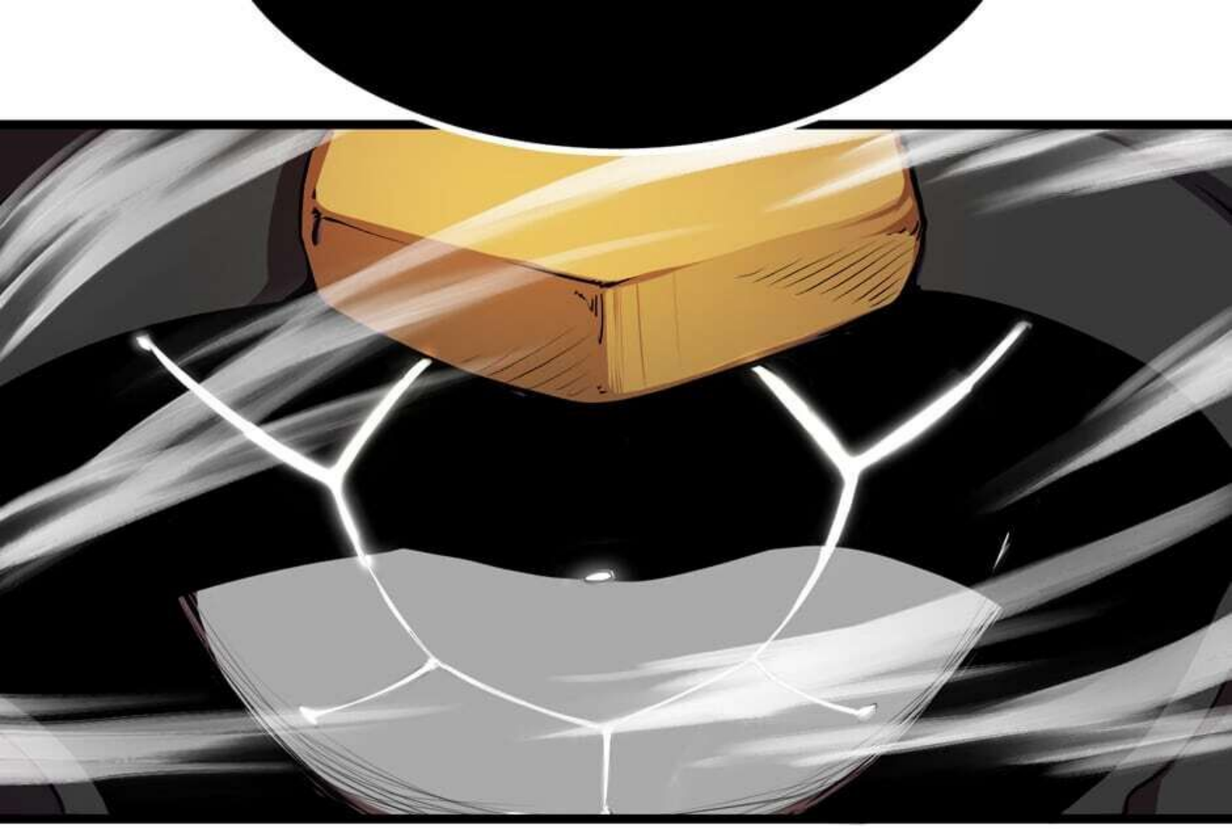
ELECTRICITY...





CHILL

I'M SORRY, BUT



FWO

OSH

I'LL HAVE YOU
TWO ACCOMPANY ME.

RED DOG

CULTURE HOUSE